

Reduce Pharmaceutical Waste at Oak Hills Living Center

The Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP) is seeking a junior or senior college student to work as project manager to pilot an automated dispensing system at a long-term care facility in New Ulm.

PROJECT:

The goal of the project is to analyze and implement pharmaceutical waste reduction opportunities at Oak Hills Living Center.

JOB DUTIES:

1. Assess the amount of pharmaceutical waste generated (in lbs), retail value and reasons for waste.
2. Work with automated dispensing system vendors to pilot use of their system at Oak Hills Living Center. Help coordinate the set-up of an automated dispensing system at the facility.
3. Review regulations for managing pharmaceuticals at the company to ensure compliance.
4. Work with Oak Hills' consulting pharmacist to assist with the automated dispensing system set up and with staff to ensure they are trained on how to use the automated dispensing system.
5. Pilot the use of the automated dispensing system for as long as possible over course of project.
6. Document waste generated and reduced.
7. Additional waste reduction opportunities including the redistribution of medications at retail pharmacies will be investigated as time permits.
8. Summarize findings in a detailed report, including recommended procedures and system configuration along with an economic analysis and justification of any changes.
9. Present findings to the company and at MnTAP-hosted public presentation events, one of which may include a presentation at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

The intern will work at the company and report back to MnTAP. The position is full-time for 3 months to start after conclusion of spring semester or quarter. Pay is \$8.35/hour, with a lump sum stipend of \$2,500 upon completion of the project deliverables: final report and presentations (working out to \$13 an hour).

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
- Good oral & written communication skills
- A technical academic background
- Troubleshooting skills
- Appropriate majors:
Pre-pharmacy, health studies, engineering,
environmental sciences, others as applicable

TO APPLY:

Send a letter of interest/cover letter, your unofficial transcript, and resume to:

Krysta Larson, Intern Coordinator
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